

## WHAT I LIKE ABOUT THE RAILROAD

is working on sunday mornings.  
we only get maybe three or four trains all day  
it's peaceful and quiet  
no rush hours  
just nice.

then the superintendent comes in.  
"It was a bad day for the company," he says.

"What, yesterday?"

"Last night.

A guy in South Pekin lost a leg.  
A guy in Mason City lost an arm.  
And a guy in Janesville got killed.  
A real bad night."

at first nobody says anything  
then all at once everyone starts talking  
about that weekend two years ago  
when five guys got killed  
and two other people  
committed suicide under Mannheim Bridge.

## FINANCE COMPANY

they told me how great i was.  
promising young talent  
was what they were  
always looking for.

after two years  
i couldn't really tell  
what they thought.

they sent me to New Jersey  
to fire these two guys in collections.  
instead, i trained them good and hard  
for the two weeks i was there.  
as far as i was concerned  
they were now as good at it as anybody  
and could keep their jobs.

when i got back to Chicago  
my boss was so pissed when i told him about it  
that we were on the next flight to Newark.  
when we got there  
he showed me how to fire somebody  
and how to hire somebody.

so i up and quit.